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[For the Register.] LIGHT AND SHADE. BY MINNIE MAY.

Clouds o'erspread the sky to day .-Sunshine so in the gloom dispols.

Droughs the flowerets bloom d lays.

Showers their building forth foretells.

Such is life: thus sorrows vanish, Alternate thus comes weat and woe.
To-day bright Hope afflictions bank h,
Thus joys and sorrows come and go.

The darke-t hour Fate ordains us With soon give place to brighter rays; Despair not then, there still remains us Sweat memories past and better days.

Look up, though dark the tempest towers, Have faith, bright sunshine follows showers; Lat hope affliction's dross alloy. Albany, Feb. 17, '69.

Marrying a Fertune.

"Yes, I'il do it, Ralph. even if she is a somggy, worthless, bairless, dried up, yellow, vinegar feeed old maid. I'll marry her; or, rather, her fortune !" and so saying he leaned himself back in his chair, and commenced pulling way as coolly at his eigar as though merrying was the most commonplace, uninteresting affair ever dre-med of.

"You speak quite confidently, young man," returned his companion; " per haps the body in question won't have you. Don't be too conceited, if you have been called irresistible.

"Fiddlesticks! I guess my uncle's fortune was the most irresistble part to the New York belles; and I am certain, now that my great expectations have passed away, there in't two of them ever remember sesocoting with me. I tell you, Ralph, love is all moon-hine! a mere creature of the Lucy-for I have never scen a pretty girl yet that could set my heart a palpitating. Money is what a poor briefless lawyer like my-elf cants, not love ; it's a great deel more sub-tan-

Don't doebt it; but I wouldn't be tied to an old visen for a consideration, accept me, to marry her for your money. responded Ralph, "and in my opinion, There, sir, is the truth, and I know I Bert, you are a fool if you have yourself away. There, now, that advice is free gretis-no fee asked-only do tell and I've-I've-"

me the whole story." " I can do that in a tew words. About a week ago I saved a fine looking but gouty old gentlemen from being speet out of his carriage on Broadway. He was profuse in his thanks, learned my name, said he knew me by reputation, told me he was wealthy, with but one child, a daughter, and if I would go down to Sea View, where he intended to pass a few weeks, he would make a match between me and her. I modestly suggested that the lady in question might object, but he soys." And suiting the action to the insisted that she could not; she was devoted to him and heart-whole. There it is, verbatim. I then made inquiries of a claims to your cousin's hand," he obfriend what kind of a girl Mr. Lefourn's served, taking Nellie by the hand, "and daughter was, and they told me she was actually has the audacity to ask for a scraggy old maid. I have her in my yours. Shall I tell him?" mind's eye, but it's no drawback. I'll marry for money, and let her afterward take to her cats, just the same as she ceited jackanape. I will go away and does now. That's all. I am too lazy to commence to practice my profession if work." And he relapsed into a profound you will only give me hope. silence, wondering secretly what time on the morrow Mr. Lafourn and his daught-

er would arrive. "There, pa, you dear old goose, listen to the description of your Nell;" exclaimed pretty little Nellie Lafourn, arranging the curtains so that the old gentleman could overhear the conversation on the piazza between the two young gentleman just mentioned.

"Confound his impudence," growled the old man, in a rage, bringing his cane down lustily; I'd like to see him get my darling, the heartless wretch, and my with your aunt.

"Slightly mixed up, isn't it, pa? But after all how much the picture is like her;" and she burst into a merry light end of the year he wrote and told Mr. laugh, that caused a dozen dimples to Lafourn how ie had succeeded, and ask-

"He may be blessed! I'll send for him this moment, and I'll-I'll arrived, he found his Nellie prettier than cane him !" almost shouted the irate old ever. Mr. Lafourn said nothing, and gentleman.

me manage him, won't you, pa? Let as the bride's father, gave her away, he him come—let him imagine Lucille is was dumb founded. As soon as the cereyour daughter and heiress, and I your mony was over, he rushed to his father-niece, with no expectations. We'll see how he will earry himself."

On the next day Mr. Albertine Gower waited upon Mr. Lafourn, and was formally introduced to Miss Lucille Lafourn. He enquired after the old gent's health all the while. Lucille is my maiden sisvery affectionately, and soon became quite engrossed, apparently, in the conversation that was started, but secretly he was eveing his intendend bride, and he confessed to himself that the enthusiastic descriptions he had given his friend Ralph did not belie her, or scarcely do her justice. But just then the door tried, and—"
opened, and a graceful young lady, with "You have made a man of mo," he exmade considerable talk. ly do her justice. But just then the door tried, and-"

The Albany Register. a great abundance of golden curls and claimed abruptly. "You have taken the very large brown eyes, walked in.

My-my niece, Mr. Gower. Mr.

Gower, Miss Lee," observed Mr. Laslight but nevertheless graceful bow.

more ridiculous; however, he determined than " Marrying a Fortune." to act his part, and, as a chance presented itself, he whispered in modulated tones to Miss Lucille that " he hoped to become better accuminted with her," though he hated himself for it in three pringtes after, when he saw Miss Lee's mi-chiefloving eyes resting upon him, and realized the she had heard him, too.

while she became in appearance, desperately enamored of him, and wrote him poetry by the sheet, expressing her everlesting affection, which he assured his friend Relph she meant to mean the oldinvented in Nosh's ark.

In vain he tried to make love to Nell. She accepted no attentions from her cousin lover, so she mockingly s-sured him, and left him more despairing than be-

At last he could not endure it any longer, and accordingly sought an interview with Sir Lafourn.

"So you come to propose for my daughter, Mr. Gower?" queried the gentleman, when he was uthered in.

" No, I have not," he emphatically re turned. "I have come to make a conferion, to ask your forgiveness, and crave a boon. You know how you came to make me the offer which you did? Well, having been brought up to believe myself independent of the oorld, and to then saght else, after finding myself bereft of all hopes, and poor, gladly accepted of your proposal. I scorned the idea of love; I vewed I loved my ease better then eav woman on earth, and though I was informed your daughter was- was-' "A scracey old maid," slyly interpeed Mr. Letourn, and Bart blushed at

his con remark, but proceeded-"I determined, provided she would connot but be lovered in your estimation. Since then I have met your neice,

"Follen in love with her," observed the father, siding him slong.

"Yes, sir, exactly so; and I am willing, if she will have me, to give up all ideas of wealth obtained by such a mean prectice, and go away and work bravely for her. Ho you think there is any

hope? Will you for eive me?"
"Certainly," he responded promptly "I should not want my daughter wed ded to any man for such mercenary motives. I'll call Nell and see what she word, he summoned Nellie.

"This gentleman has withdrawn his "And I am poor, Nellie," ejaculated

Bart, "but you shall see I am so con-Nellie looked at her father through

her blushes. "But I would be a penniless bride "And all the dearer! if you are not worth working for, you are not worth

having." "If, then," she returned slyly, "you

wait a year and do not change your mind, if uncle's willing-" "Which he will be," interrupted the

gentleman, and so it was settled. The ruse was still kept up. Mr. Lafourn gave him letters of introduction to several influential friends, and he went money, even if he has got you mixed up away and set up work in carnest. For a while he was unsuccessful; at last his talents began to be appreciated, and he was in a fair way to prosperity. At the play hide and seek around her cheeks ed if he would have any objections to his wedding taking place then. The required answer was returned, and, when he Bart wondered at him giving such a cost-"No, indeed, you won't pa! You let ly wedding to his neice; but when he,

> " What does it mean?" "It means you have married my

Bart was paralyzed.

" Your daughter?" "And my money, as I promised! Nellie and I overheard your conversation and determined to test you. We did so, and Nellie still insisted on your being She then attempted to cross over to the

But though rich, he did not leave his profession and enter into his careless, fourn, and Miss Lee cknowledged it with idle life again; he steadily pushed his Lodge: way up, and now is one of the most influ-Mr. Gower was enraptured, and the ential men of the times, which he always contrast only made his bride expectant avers is more due, to Nellie's stratagem

WASN'T ON THE MARRY .- The Shasta Courier of January 23d is responsible for the following: "We had a good joke on a resident of Dog Creek the other day. The party referred to is a bachelor and ago an emigrant wagon from Oregon came along and camped near our friend's low who sat in the middle, and who Day after day he called, and proportionally he fell in love with laughing place. The head of the family soon Nell, and fell out with Miss Lucille, made himself acquainted with the proprietor of the premises, and he asked him why he didn't get a woman to keep house for him. The answer was that he intended to marry just as soon as a woman willing to enter into the bonds of matriness of her love, for he was sure she was meny could be found. The Oregonian remarked that he could find him a partner if he would take her. The bachelor s id that was right into his hand, and the emigrant invited him to his camp. The Oregonian called up a bouncing damsel of about twenty years, and informed her that the gentleman accompanying him was 'on the marry,' and willing to take her for better or for worse. The damsel, delighted with the prospect, advanced, and seizing our friend by the hand, assured him that she was glad to meet him, and was ready to the old lasy hastened up and congratulated her 'derter' on her good luck. Surprised and alarmed at the serious turn matters had taken, our friend, who was constitutionally opposed to the instituonly study a profession more for pleasure tion of matrisiony, endeavored to explain, by saying that he was only joing and the would be bride requested her father to take his rife and 'drap the varmint in his tracks.' At this affectionate suggestion the bachelor left for his fortifications

> grow on oaks, but there is a hoax about They were dancing a war-dance around the corn. The acorn is a corn with an a big skull, and playing leap-frog and indefinite article, but the co n is very in- turning handsprings, and the big fat feldefinite indeed. Try it and see. Many low of the ante-room was standing on his a min, when he has a corn, wishes it were an acorn. Folks that have corns sometimes send for a doctor, and if the doctor as well as if he isn't. The doctors say corns are produced by tight boots or shoes, which is probably the reason why, when a man is tight, they say he is corned. If a farmer manages well, he can get a good deal of corn on one acre, but I know a farmer that has corn that makes the biggest acre on his farm. The bigger the crop of vegetable corn a man raises, the better he likes it, but the bigger crop of animal corn he raises the better he does not like it. Another kind of corn is corn dodger. The way it is (that is if you want to know); You go along a street and meet a man you know has a corn, and is a rough character; then you step on the toe that you know has a corn on it, and see it you don't have occasion to dodge. In that way you will find out what a corn dodger is.

PRETTY GOOD .- The following "item." together with several others of the same character, is published in the Figuro under the head of "Interior Items; from our exchanges." In the matter of detail, it is quite as satisfactory, and no doubt contains as much truth, as many of the "interior items," published in the San Francisco dailies:

Three women while amusing themdaughter, sir," responded the happy parent, "and we have been deceiving you hung suspended. Her companions who had just slipped to an adjacent saloon it. You'd be scart yourself, ain't it? saw her peril, and as soon as they had joost throw away de hors bistel, un finished drinking went to her assistance. never sets no more traps for purglars so Previously to liberating her, one of them by way of a joke uprooted the bush. This exasperated the other and she threw her companion half-way across the shaft.

Joining the Masons.

Knobbs has joined the Masons, and

I must tell you of the perils and trials renting out beautiful wedding pres-I had to undergo to become a Mason. On the evening in question 1 presented myself at the door of Lodge-room No. 36,600, sign of the skull and crossbones. I was conducted to an ante-room, where five or six melancholy chaps, in sashes and embroidered napkins, were waiting to receive me. On my entrance they all lives on the wagon-road. A few days got up and turned back-somers aults and then resumed their seats. A big fat felseemed to be the proprietor, then said; "Sinner from the other wold, advance!" I advanced. "Will you give up everything to join us?" "Not if I know it." I said; "there are my wife and fourteen fine-" Another party here told me to say "Yes," as it was merely a matter of form so I said "Yes, I give up everything." The fellows in the towels then grouned and said "Tis well. Do you swear never to reveal anything you may see or hear this evening to any human being, nor your wife?" I said "Pon my word, I will not." They then examined my teeth and felt my taste of liquor, and made me put out my tongue, then groaned again. I said. "If you-don't feel well I have got a little bottle here." The fat man here took the bottle from me and told me to shut up. He then, in a voice place during the present month.

Would come to the money. They think they place during the present month. of thunder said, "Bring forth the goat!" The drawing rooms of an aris marry him at the drop of the hat, while Another fellow then come up with a big cloth to blind me. "No you don't, Mr. Mason," I said; "no tricks on travelers, if you please; I don't believe in playing Fourteenth street New York bell bears a blindman's buff with a goat. I'll ride likeness to Menken. She wears a simithe devil, if you like but I don't go it lar coffure to the late Adah Isaacs. did not want to marry. At this the me, so I had to submit to being blind a hair pin.

Oregonian become very indignant, and folded. The goat was then led in, and Correspond I could hear him making an awful racket rage among young ladies and school among the furniture. I began to feel girls. that I was urgently wanted at home, but I was in for it and could not help myself on promenade are generally conceded to the last thing he heard being the voice Three or four fellows then seized me, be pretty and stylish. of the old lady consoling her disappointed and with a demoniacal laugh pitched Beautiful fans of white lace over col-'darter' with the remark that it was me on the animal's back, telling me at ored silk are now in vogue. They are best to let the bilk go, as he weren't the same time to look out for squalls. expensive, but that's nothing. I have been in a good many scrape Editor; I have been in election fights; A SMALL Boy's Composition .- I've been pitched out of afour-story terie," Mrs. J. M. appeared in a pink Corn are of all kinds. Vegetable and window; I have gone down in a rail- silk trimed with black lace, en panier animal. Vegetable corn grows in rows, road collision; but this little goat and animal corn grows on toes. There excursion was ahead of them all. The are several kinds of corn. There is uni- confounded thing must be all wings and lady to accept an invitation for Delmoncorn, capricorn, corn-dodger, field corn, horns. It bumped me against chairs ico's at the conclusion of a theatrical perand toe corn, which is the corn you feel and tables, and the stoves and the ceiling, formance. Mrs. Grundy says it is "fearthe most. It is said, I believe, that but I hung on like a Trojan. I turned fully common." gophers like corn; but persons having front somersaults and rolled over. I corns do not like to "go far" if they can thought it was all over with me. I was help it. Corn have kernels, and some just on the point of giving up, when the colonels have corns. Vegetable corn bandage fell from my eyes and the goat to \$80,000. grows on ears, but animal corn grows on bounded through the window with a yell Another kind of corn is acorn. These ghost. I was in a Lodge of Masous.

head in the corner.

maker said : selves in Calaveras county met with a so many glasses of me in der lager, I forserious accident. They were jumping get about der hors bistel unt ter door across a shaft 800 feet deep and 10 feet pointin der moozle, unt ven I makes open wide. One of them couldn't quite make mit ter door, bang ! by tam, I joost gets it and succeeded only in grasping a sage a pullet mit my elbow unt anoder pullet yet mine hat through it all the vile Vost I scart? Vell, if I vos I can't help

long as I cau't help it. So!

The death of a negro, 110 years old, is appounced at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

A man is being tried in Cincinnati for

For the Ladies.

At Trinity chapel, New York, the marhere is his experience in getting into a risge bells chime regularly at every wedding. A Broadway store makes a specialty in

A New York bell recently displayed

at the marriage ceremony an eight thousand dollar robe. On dit, that Mr. DeBille, the Danish

Minister, will soon lead to the alter a young lady of New Jers y. The daughters of a prominent New letter, at the place at which it is dated : York city official say they received three

hundred calls on new years day. Mrs. Grant will not, in all probability, have more than two or three general

receptions during the season. James Robb, the well-known banker,

Stanard, of Richmond Virginia. \$100 for performing at weddings. Fash.

ionables readily engage him. One of those tiresome six year engagements terminated last week in New of the estate. Their share, which is no festivities, etc.

The drawing rooms of an aristocratic Oregon. Yours, New York residence on Madison avenue are furnished entirely with gilt furniture. It is said that a well-known West

Corresponding in violet ink is now the

Seal skin jackets worn by some ladies

Monogram kid gloves are in vogue. At the ball of the "John Morrissy co-

and trail, with very costly diamonds. It is no longer "genteel" for a young

Ex-Judge Mitchell's peice, who was recently married at Flushing (L. I.), received wedding gifts amounting in value

At the M-dinner recently given at

feet at the other end of the body. like a Commanche Indian giving up the the Hoffman Home, New York, the bills of fare were found in a gold nut at the plate of each guest. All in a nutshell. ABOUT NEWSPAPERS .- There are

five thousand newspapers published in the United States. New York has the largest number of any State, and Utah SET NO MORE TRAPS .- A co'empo. the least. Only one hundred in the himself is corned, he would do probably rary tells, or rather lets the hero of the country have a circulation of ten thousand. There is no daily paper west of incident tell, of a German watchmaker New York that has a bona fide circulaof Portland, who, hearing of the frequent | tion of twenty thousand copies. It is esburglaries, concluded to fortify his store timated that one publisher in four tells against the gentry who work with skele. the truth about his circulation. In adton keys and crow-bars. The watch- vertising, mercantile firms generally prefer dailies and patent medicin men week-"I hear much tings about te purglars are now furnishing country publishers all a'wile : I hears they breaks stores in- with paper upon which the "outside" of to em very much. Veil, I tinks I vixes their edition is already printed-Repub-'em, so that the next time that they lican, Democratic, or Conservative in sencoomes to my stores, by tam, they no timent-with the name of the paper, made is very simple, and is as tollows gum. I puys a pig horse bistel, and date, volumn, publisher's card, terms, fastens it to the floor, mit de moozle etc., and any desired size. The New pointin' to de door. So den I runs a Hampshire Gazette is the oldest paper string from de drigger up mit der vall in the United States, having been estaband down mit der door, so ven Mr. Pur- lished in 1756, (it has changed editors glar opens himself mit der door, vy if he ploze de prains out of the bistel, vy den, you see I can't help it, don't it? That's Agusta, Georgia, was established in 1794. vot I say. Last night I left de door The Jacksonville (Alabama) Republican pointing at de moozle of de bistel mit has been edited forty-six years by James two bullets in it, unt goes out to drink Freeman Grant, a practical printer, and some lager mit ter boys, I sometimes cousin of the President elect. The Abdrinks too much lager. Vell, I can't lagton Virginian has been conducted by help it. I bores myself into more ash its present editors twenty-six years. The twenty sixteen klass lager, unt den I Lycoming Gazette published at Williamsgoes home. Ven I pass mine store I dinks port, Pa., was established in 1801; The I better ash look in unt see if nothing Christian Observer, Richmond, Va., in pese all right. That is right, don't it? 1913, (which makes it the oldest relig-If it don't I ain't can't help it. Vell. wit jous paper in America,) and the Lynchburg Virginian was established in 1808.

In the Pahranagat District, which lies in the southeastern part of the State of Nevada, about one hundred and eighty miles southeast of Austin, is a remarkable mountain of pure salt. In small pieces it is quite transparent, and so remarkably hard as to require blasting. It is five miles in length, six hundred feet in hight, and of an unknown depth.

Chicago has had a race between street car and a velocipede. The latter upset and threw its rider into the gutter, so that the car won the race on a "foul."

ELISABETH MCBEE.

The Olympia Tribune of Jan. 30th,

has the following: We have received from Hon. Schuyler Colfax, through our Delegate at Washington, a letter of inquiry concerning Mrs. Elizabeth McBee, or her heirs, supposed to reside in this Territory or Oregon, with a request to make it publie. It any of the parties referred to are in existence, they will find it to their interest to communicate with H. J. Shirk, the subscriber to the following

PERN, Ind., Dec. 30th, 1868. HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX: Dear Sir-In 1858, one Peter Ream, of this county, died in-estate, leaving several heirs who have received their distributive share of his estate. One Elizabeth is to be married early in February to the McBee, wife of Levi McBee, a daughter widely known and accomplished Mrs. of Ream, and one of the heirs, emigrated A popular New York organists charges to Oregon or Washington Territory twenty years ago, from Ray county, Missouri. The family have learned she was dead some years ago, leaving several children, who would be the lawful heirs York in a wedding at home. No cards, about a thousand dollars, is in the hands of the administrator ready for them, as In New York, seven Murray Hill it has been for six years past. If you young ladies have organized a dancing will see the member from Washington class, to which they invite seven young gentlemen friends at each meeting.

The juvenile ball annually given by

Will see the member from Washington Territory, he perhaps might give notice through a paper published there, which would come to the notice of the heirs en-

A Genuine Yankee.

"Hallo, my good friend, can you inform me how far it is to the next house?" Jonathan started up-leaned on his blind. Stand back or I'll knock you into smithereens." They were too much for and two inches of ribbon, fastened with "Hallo yourself! how d'you dew! Wall, I guess I can. Taint near as far as it used to be before they cut the woods away-then it was generally reckoned four mile, but now the sun shrivels up the road, and don't make it more'n tew. The first house you come to is a barn, and the next is a hay stack; Hoskin's house is on beyont. You'll be sure to meet his gals long before you get there; tarnal rompin' critters, they

plague our folks more'n a little. His sheep get into our orchard. Dad sets the dog arter the sheep and me arter the girls-and the way they make the wool and I the petticoats fly, is a sin to snakes." "I see you are inclined to be facetious.

young man-pray tell me how it hap-pens that one of your legs is shorter than the other ?"

"I never allows anybody to meddle with my grass tanglers, but seein' it's you. I'll tell you. I was born so at my ticular request, so that when I hold the plow, I can go with one foot in the furrow and t'other on land, and not lop over; besides, it is convenient when I mow around a side hill."

"Very good, indeed-how do your potatoes come out this year?" "They don't come out at all. I digs

'em out-and there's a tarnation sparl of of them in each hill." "But they are small, I perceive." "Yes, I know it. You see, we planted .

some whoppin' blue noses over in that 'ere patch there, and they flourished so all firedly that these 'ere stopped growin' just out of spite, 'cause they knowed they couldn't keep up." "You appear to be pretty smart, and I should think you could afford a better

hat than the one you wear." "The looks aint nothin', it's all in the behavior. This 'ere hat was my religious Sunday go to meetin' hat, and it's chock full of piety now. I've got a better one to hum, but I don't dig taters in it, no how." "You have been in these sparts some

time, I should guess." "I should guess so tew. I was born'd and got my brot'n up in that 'ere house ; but my native place is down in Por-

"Then you say it's about three miles and a half to the next house?"

"Yes, sir; 'twas a spell ago, and I don't beleive it's grow'd much shorter since. Good-bye to ye. That's a darn'd slick mare of your'n."

As the rose is composed of the sweetest flowers and the sharpest thorns; as the heavens are sometimes overcast, alternately tempestuous and serene; so is the life of man intermingled with hopes and fears, with joys and sorrows, with pleasures and with pains.

Miss Sarah P. Redwond, an American colored girl, recently graduated as M. D. at the principal medical school in Florence, Italy.

In the first number of the London Punch for the current year, is a preface, dedicating the volume for 1869 to General Ulysses S. Grant, in Mr. Punch's

most complimentary style.

A Madrid correspondence of the International says, with shocking indelicacy, "General Prim is believed here to be the Thirteen men have been lynched in father of No. 3 and No. 5 of Isabella's Indiana within the last six months.